Westerners International 100 Outstanding 20th Century Non-fiction Books on the American West, 1901-2000 by Year

1901

The Transition Period of California from a Province of Mexico to a State of the American Union in 1850 – Samuel H. Willey

1902

A History of the American Fur Trade of the Far West (3 Vols.) – Hiram M. Chittenden

1908

Vanished Arizona: Recollections of My Army Life – Martha Summerhayes

1915

The Fighting Cheyennes – George Bird Grinnell

1916

Spanish Exploration in the Southwest, 1542-1706 - Herbert Bolton, Editor

1921

Six Years with the Texas Rangers, 1875 to 1881 – James B. Gillette

1924

Rainbow Bridge: Circling Navajo Mountain and Explorations in the "Bad Lands" of Southern Utah and Northern Arizona – Charles L. Bernheimer

1925

Handbook of the Indians of California – A. L. Kroeber

1926

Mississippi Steamboatin': A History of Steamboating on the Mississippi and its Tributaries – Herbert and Edward Quick

The Overland Trail: The Epic Path of the Pioneers to Oregon – Agnes C. Laut

1930

The Santa Fe Trail - Robert L. Duffus

1931

Outpost of Empire: The Story of the Founding of San Francisco - Herbert E.

Bolton

Schliemann: The Story of a Gold-seeker – Emil Ludwig (Translated from the

German by D. F. Tait)

The Great Plains - Walter Prescott Webb

1934

Triggernometry: A Gallery of Gunfighters – Eugene Cunningham

1935

Ordeal by Hunger: The Story of the Donner Party - George R. Stewart

1936

Rim of Christendom: A Biography of Eusebio Francisco Kino, Pacific Coast

Pioneer – Herbert Eugene Bolton

Charles Goodnight: Cowman and Plainsman – J. Evetts Haley Interwoven: A Pioneer Chronicle – Sallie Reynolds Matthews

1937

Old Jules - Mari Sandoz

1938

The Outlaw Trail: A History of Butch Cassidy and the "Wild Bunch" – Charles Kelly

1939

Carbine and Lance: The Story of Old Fort Sill - Wilbur S. Nye

No Life for a Lady – Agnes Morley Cleaveland
The Longhorns – J. Frank Dobie
War Chief Joseph – Helen A. Howard and Dan L. McGrath

1942

Crazy Horse: The Strange Man of the Oglalas - Mari Sandoz

1947

Across the Wide Missouri - Bernard DeVoto

1949

Westward Expansion: A History of the American Frontier – Ray Allen Billington

1950

The Reckless Breed of Men: The Trappers and Fur Traders of the Southwest – Robert Glass Cleland

1951

A Treasury of Western Folklore - B. A. Botkin, Editor

1952

Wagon Roads West: A Study of Federal Road Surveys and Construction in the Trans-Mississippi West 1846-1869 – W. Turrentine Jackson

1953

Journals of Lewis and Clark – Bernard DeVoto, Editor Mostly Alkali – Stephen P. Jocelyn Cheyenne Autumn – Mari Sandoz

Great River: The Rio Grande in North American History (2 Vols.) - Paul

Horgan

Bent's Fort - David Lavender

1955

The Look of the Old West – William Foster-Harris

1956

Before Barbed Wire: L. A. Huffman, Photographer on Horseback - Mark Brown and W. R. Felton

My Confession: Recollections of a Rogue – Samuel Chamberlain Men to Match My Mountains: The Opening of the Far West, 1840-1900 – Irving Stone

The Indian Wars of the West – Paul I. Wellman

1957

The Age of Steam: A Classic Album of American Railroading – Lucius Beebe and Charles Clegg

The King Ranch (2 Vols.) - Tom Lea

1958

Klondike Fever: Life and Death of the Last Great Gold Rush - Pierre Berton

1960

The Lives and Legends of Buffalo Bill – Don Russell Tularosa: Last of the Frontier West – C. L. Sonnichsen

1961

The Forgotten Peninsula: A Naturalist in Baja California – Joseph Wood Krutch

The March of the Montana Column: A Prelude to the Custer Disaster, Lt. J. H. Bradley - E. I. Stewart, Editor

Why the West Was Wild – Joseph Snell and Nyle Miller The Last Days of the Sioux Nation – Robert M. Utley

1964

They Called Him Wild Bill: The Life and Adventures of James Butler Hickok – Joseph Rosa

The Gathering of Zion: The Story of the Mormon Trail – Wallace Stegner

1965

The Nez Perce and the Opening of the Northwest – Alvin M. Josephy, Jr.

1966

Sutter's Fort: Gateway to the Gold Fields – Oscar Lewis Jesse James Was His Name; or, Fact and Fiction Concerning the Careers of the Notorious James Brothers of Missouri – William Settle, Jr.

1967

Fool's Gold: The Decline and Fall of Captain John Sutter of California - Richard Dillon

1969

The Geronimo Campaign - Odie B. Faulk

Sweet Medicine: Continuing Role of the Sacred Arrows, the Sun Dance, and the Sacred Buffalo Hat in Northern Cheyenne History (2 Vols.) – Peter J. Powell

1970

Shotgun for Hire: The Story of "Deacon" Jim Miller, Killer of Pat Garrett – Glenn Shirley

1971

The Genesis of the Frontier Thesis: A Study in Historical Creativity – Ray Allen Billington

Dog Soldiers, Bear Men, and Buffalo Women: A Study of the Societies and Cults of the Plains Indians – Thomas E. Mails
Frontier Regulars: The United States Army and the Indians, 1866-1890 –

1974

Robert M. Utley

The Buffalo Book: The Full Saga of the American Animal – David Dary

Pat Garrett: The Story of a Western Lawman – Leon Metz

1975

Fifty Great Western Illustrators: A Bibliographic Check List – Jeff Dykes Moon of Popping Trees – Rex Alan Smith

1979

Bat Masterson: The Man and the Legend – Robert DeArment
Buffalo Bill, His Family, Friends, Fame, Failures, and Fortunes – Nellie Snyder
Yost

1980

The Southwest – David Lavender

1981

Cowboy Culture: A Saga of Five Centuries - David Dary

Custer Legends - Lawrence A. Frost

Deadwood: The Golden Years - Watson Parker

1982

El Paso Lawman: G. W. Campbell – Fred Egloff
The World Rushed In: The California Gold Rush Experience – J. S. Holiday
Westering Women and the Frontier Experience 1800-1915 – Sandra L. Myres

1983

Westering Man: The Life of Joseph Walker - Bill Gilbert

Adobe Walls: The History and Archeology of the 1874 Trading Post - T.

Lindsay Baker and Billy R. Harrison

Trails South: The Wagon-Road Economy in Dodge City-Panhandle Region – C. Robert Haywood

Death Valley & the Amargosa: A Land of Illusion - Richard Lingenfelter

1987

Sacramento, Excursions into its History and Natural World – William M. Holden

1988

Platte River Road Narratives: A Descriptive Bibliography of Travel over the Great Central Overland Route – Merrill J. Mattes

The Donner Party Rescue Site: Johnson's Ranch on Bear River – Jack and Richard Steed

1991

Custer's Last Campaign: Mitch Boyer and the Little Bighorn Reconstructed – John S. Gray

The West as America: Reinterpreting Images of the Frontier, 1820-1920 – Will H. Truettner, Editor

1992

The Custer Reader - Paul Andrew Hutton, Editor

Ishi in Two Worlds: A Biography of the Last Wild Indian in North America – Theodora Kroeber

Goldfield: The Last Gold Rush on the Western Frontier – Sally Zanjani The Spanish Frontier in North America – David Weber

1993

Dictionary of the American West - Win Blevins

Hokahey! A Good Day to Die!: The Indian Casualties of the Custer Fight – Richard G. Hardorff

Buffalo Soldiers, Braves and the Brass: - F. N. Schubert

The Last Gunfighter: John Wesley Hardin – Richard Marohn

A Good Year to Die: The Story of the Great Sioux War – Charles M.

Robinson III

1996

Undaunted Courage: Meriwether Lewis, Thomas Jefferson, and the Opening of the American West – Stephen Ambrose

1998

The Plains Indians – Paul H. Carlson
The New Encyclopedia of the American West – Howard R. Lamar, Editor
The West of Billy the Kid – Frederick Nolan

1999

Bear Flag Rising: The Conquest of California, 1846 – Dale L. Walker Long Day's Journey: The Steamboat and Stagecoach Era in the Northern West – Carlos Arnaldo Schwantes

2000

Nothing Like it in the World: The Men Who Built the Transcontinental Railroad 1863 - 1869 – Stephen Ambrose